

MACAULAY'S CHARACTER OF JAMES II
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country/ (my case 10 years after) ' much more
for a king- to
be driven out of his three kingdoms. I call God
to witness I
had no design of retiring. For your own sake
I do not tell
to what place I go, but you, more than
another, may guess
where. . . . I declare to you that I retire for
the security of
my person, and I shall always be in a
readiness to return,
when my subjects eyes may be opened. . . .
And my
Roman Catholic officers, etc., I have
directed them to
retire and live quietly/ After a small pause, he
looking
steadfastly on me, ' Can you advise me to
stay? '

No doubt he had in mind my former
persuasions when
he retired some few days before, after my
parting from him.
I told him, ' Sir, this is a matter of the most
nice nature,
that I will not take on me to give you any
advice, nor be
so presumptuous/ After which I kissed his
hand, and weep-
ing, he was pleased to embrace me tenderly,
as in French
A Dieu, and he ordered me to let in the
company, as at a
couchée as usual.¹

James's second flight took place on the night
of December 22-23 ; he landed at Ambleteuse on
Christmas morning.
A French narrative² of his flight describes his
landing.

James had with him a French valet, and his
son the Duke
of Berwick. They had embarked on a little
smack em-
ployed in fishing for mackerel. As the smack
approached
Ambleteuse a boat from a French frigate
hailed it, and
asked for news of the King of Great Britain, for
it was known

that James had fled from Rochester and he was
expected all
along the coast of France. There was only one
man on the
deck of the fishing smack, and he answered
the question of
the lieutenant in command of the French
boat by saying,
' I am the King of England/

¹ Ibid. pp. 224-5.
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* Campana de Cavelli, ii.